(ख) सरकारी खाते पर आयात किया गया गेहूं केन्द्रीय पूल का एक हिस्सा होता है जिसका रख-रखाव भारतीय खाद्य निगम द्वारा किया जाता है जिसे स्वदेशी गेहूं के लिए लागू केन्द्रीय निर्गम मूल्य पर सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के लिए राज्यों/संघ शासित प्रदेशों को जारी किया जाता है। सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली क्षेत्रों के लिए गेहूं के 11-1-1993 और 1-2-1994 से लागू केन्द्रीय निर्गम मूल्य क्रमशः 330/- रुपये प्रति क्विंटल और 402/- रुपये प्रति क्विंटल हैं, जबकि सन्तुष्ट सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली क्षेत्रों के लिए आपूर्ति किए गए गेहूं के मूल्य 50/- रुपये प्रति क्विंटल कम हैं। आयातित गेहूं का स्टाक भी स्वदेशी गेहूं के साथ-साथ कुछ अनुपात में अक्तूबर/नवम्बर, 1993 से खुले बाजार में बिक्री नवयोजना के अधीन विभिन्न अन्य इस्तेमाल-कीर्ताओं को जारी किया गया। खुले बाजार में बिक्री की योजना के अधीन बेचे गए स्वदेशी और आयातित गेहूं के मूल्यों में कोई अन्तर नहीं है। इन्हें राज्यवार निर्धारित किया गया था और इसका ब्यौरा उपाबन्ध पर दिया गया है। [इखिए परिशिष्ट 173, अनुपत्र सं० 108]

**Shortage of sugar in PDS**

5123. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of sugar during the last four months and full quota of sugar could not be supplied to the fair price shops;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the full quota of sugar to Gujarat State has been supplied for distribution to the fair price shops during the months of November and December, 1994;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to provide sufficient sugar to the State as per their requirement?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Reports have been received from Delhi and some North Eastern States about the shortage of sugar at Fair Price Shops. In Delhi, the Shortage was due to disputes about the quality of sugar, while in the North Eastern States it was mainly on account of non-movement of adequate quantity of levy sugar from the sugar producing States.

(c) Monthly levy sugar quota of Gujarat State is 16194 MTs. The Central Government has allocated the full quota of levy sugar to Gujarat State during November, 94 and December, 94 for distribution, through the Public Distribution System. As regards the supply to Fair Price Shops, it is the responsibility of the State government.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

**Import of foodgrains**

5124. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated quantities of foodgrains required to be imported during the coming five years to meet the domestic demand; and

(b) the details thereof; year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Government keeps on reviewing the stock position of foodgrains with and decision to import foodgrains is resorted to, if necessary, to augment availability of foodgrains to meet the requirement of Public Distribution System, etc. and to contain open market prices. The stock position of foodgrains in the Central Pool continues to be very comfortable and far in excess of the minimum levels to be maintained as per the buffer stocking norms.